

The Parish of Our Lady of Furness

Year A
29th March 2026
Palm Sunday
Psalter week 2
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Office hours:
Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri 9:00 – 3:15pm
 Deadline for newsletter: Thursday 12:00pm

Please note: CCTV cameras are used in the church and areas surrounding it.

All Masses at St Mary's are live streamed. Visit www.ourladyoffurness.org.uk and follow the instructions on the website.

Mass Times and Intentions

Date and Time		Location	Occasion	Intention
Saturday 28th March	5:00pm	St Mary's	PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD	Keith Vincent RIP Birthday Memories
Sunday 29th March	9:30am 11:00am	Holy Family St Mary's		Dom Ruscillo RIP Sheila Taylor RIP
Monday 30 th March	12:00pm	St Mary's	Requiem Mass	Patricia Leech RIP
Tuesday 31 st March	10:00am	St Mary's	Eucharistic Adoration and Rosary	No Mass
Wednesday 1 st April	10:00am	St Mary's	Eucharistic Adoration and Rosary	No Mass
Thursday 2 nd April	7:00pm	St Mary's	HOLY THURSDAY Mass of the Lord's Supper	Kevin Bewley RIP
Friday 3 rd April	10:00am 3:00pm	Morning Prayer St Mary's	GOOD FRIDAY Celebration of the Lord's Passion	
Saturday 4 th April	10:00am	Morning Prayer	HOLY SATURDAY	
Saturday 4th April	8:00pm	St Mary's	EASTER VIGIL	Julie Cunningham RIP
Sunday 5th April	9:30am 11:00am	Holy Family St Mary's	EASTER SUNDAY	Jim Rafferty RIP Ann Craig RIP

Confessions are available 10.15am – 10.55am every Saturday or after Mass during the week on request. Eucharistic Adoration takes place 45 minutes before each Mass on weekdays and Saturdays.

Please pray for those who are sick in our parish: and for those who have died recently especially **Jim Rafferty; Mary Nelson** and **Patricia Leech** whose Requiem Mass will take place on Monday 30th March 12noon at St Mary's.

Polish Blessing of the Easter baskets: St Mary's Church on Holy Saturday - 4th April at 12:30pm. Everyone is welcome to come and take part in the celebration.

Sick and Housebound: If you are housebound or in hospital and would like to receive Communion, please would either yourself or a family member ring the Parish office and let us know and then this can be arranged.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

CHRISM MASS: This will be held on **Thursday 2nd April 11.30am** at **St. Peter's Cathedral Lancaster**. This Mass is open to parishioners.

Holy Thursday: 7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper.

Followed by watching until **10:00pm**.

Please note there is **No MASS** at St Mary's on Holy Thursday morning.

Good Friday:

10:00 am Morning Prayer

3pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion.

6:00pm Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday:

10:00 am: Morning Prayer

8:00 pm Easter Vigil

Easter Day: Both Masses are as on a normal Sunday

9:30am Holy Family

11:00am St Mary's

Altar Servers: All altar servers are requested to serve at all of the Holy Week Services. There will be practices at the following times: **Holy Thursday 6:15pm; Good Friday 10:30am; Holy Saturday 10:30am**. Thank you.

St Mary's Easter Clean: if anyone could lend a hand with the Church cleaning ready for Easter which will take place on **Tuesday 31st March after 10:00 Mass** – it would be very greatly appreciated.

We are still in need of extra volunteers to help with the regular Church cleaning once a month. If you would be willing to put your name on the rota, please contact the office with your details.

First Holy Communion: This will take place in all churches on **Sunday 7th June 2026**.

The next preparation meeting will take place in the **Parish Centre** on **Monday 20th April at 6:00pm**.

Lourdes: We only have 5 places left for our pilgrimage to Lourdes. This will take place from **Friday 28th August to Wednesday 2nd September 2026**. Please let us know as soon as possible if you are interested in coming.

Booking forms are available from the Parish office or via email (requests to office@olof.org.uk) and should be returned with a **non-refundable deposit of £200** per person (payment details are on the booking form).

Gift Aid: As we approach the new financial year, please, if you are a taxpayer, consider **gift aiding the contribution you make to the Parish collection**. By doing so, the Government will then give the Parish 25% of your contribution. So, for example, if you give £4- we receive an additional £1 from the Government. If you give £10, we receive an additional £2.50. the forms are available at the back of Church or from the Parish office – please complete and then simply return to the office. All information that you give us will be treated with the utmost confidentiality. Thank you.

Gift Aid Envelopes: The new envelopes are being sorted ready for distribution. If you wish to have a box so you can gift aid your offertory contribution, please let the office know as soon as possible.

Standing order: rather than searching for cash each week, you may want to consider setting up a standing order. Please take a form available at the back of Church, fill it in and take it to your bank or building society. This is a much more efficient way to manage our Parish collection. Thank you for all you give and do.

Parish Quiz: at Holy Family Hall - Friday 17th April at 7:00pm

Charge £7 per person, which includes a buffet with tea and coffee. Other beverages will be available.

Please bring your friends or family. Book early to avoid disappointment. **Tickets will be available from 22nd March.**

Also donations for the raffle will be appreciated: Diamonds, Pearls, that sort of thing.

All profits will go to **Marys Meals**.

Feel free to ring **Ann Newby** on **07544713240** (or email me at ann.newby@btopenworld.com) or **Liz Nugent** on **0785750709** for more information.

Mass Attendance: Fifth Sunday in Lent (22nd March 2026) St Mary's – Vigil 143, 11:00am – 260, Holy Family – 192.

Total attendance – 595

Offertory Collection: Fifth Sunday in Lent (22nd March 2026) £2640.06 (including standing orders). Thanks to all who have contributed.

Baptism: We congratulate Gabriel Robert Gerrard who was baptised last weekend. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.